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CASCA = 16 pp
MA Commission = 24 pp

Dear Mr. Lazar:

Reference is made to your November 13, 2001 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for Boston files 100-28770 (1959 - 1965) and 62-3810. CASCA = 16 pp

Enclosed are copies of documents from these files. Excisions have been made from these pages, and 14 pages have been withheld in their entirety, in order to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to the following subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552: (b)(2), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(D). See Form OPCA-16a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions. 24 pp

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Sincerely yours,

CHARLES S. PROUTY
Special Agent in Charge

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FRANK M. DAVIS
Chief Division Counsel

DIRECTOR, FBI

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May 12, 1959

SAC, BOSTON (62-

CASCA CORPORATION
21 North Broadway
White Plains, New York
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HERBERT A. PHILBRICK, Rye Beach, New Hampshire, furnished the following information to SA [redacted] on April 30, 1959. He advised that for some years he has been developing an idea for a TV series to be entitled "WORLD WAR III." The theme of the series would be that the United States and the free world are presently at war with the Soviet Union; though there is no shooting, the struggle is desperate, and the results could be tragic.

PHILBRICK stated that in January, 1958, while still employed by the New York Herald Tribune, he was visited by one ROBERT WINSTON, a retired Navy Captain who had written a book called "The Pentagon Case," using the pen name Col. VICTOR FOX. WINSTON, presently publisher of "Freedom Press, Inc.," had come to ask PHILBRICK to review his book. During the conversation, PHILBRICK mentioned his idea of the above-described TV series. WINSTON was very enthusiastic and with PHILBRICK's permission stated he could get financial backing for such an enterprise. PHILBRICK told him to go ahead.

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He advised that for the next several months WINSTON attempted to get backing from several non-profit foundations with no success. In November, 1958, PHILBRICK was invited to be guest of honor at a dinner at the University Club, New York City, on November 5, 1958, [redacted]. Enclosed is a photostatic copy of a list of invited guests obtained from PHILBRICK. It is noted that the Director's name appears on this list.

cc: 2-Bureau (Enc. 4) (RM)

2-New York (RM)

3-Boston (62-1021)

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HERBERT A. PHILBRICK)
ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.)

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Following the dinner, PHILBRICK was approached by [REDACTED] WINSTON with the idea of setting up a profit making corporation to finance the above TV series. That very night several people committed themselves to buy shares in the corporation, among whom were WINSTON; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and ROBERT WELCH, a candy manufacturer from Cambridge, Massachusetts. The first meeting was held on December 2, 1958, in [REDACTED] New York City. The name CASCA CORPORATION was adopted. PHILBRICK was elected Chairman of the Board, and the following officers were elected: WINSTON, President; [REDACTED]

PHILBRICK noted that [REDACTED]

PHILBRICK continued that after the incorporation meeting there followed a long drawn out controversy over the terms of the contracts for himself and WINSTON. PHILBRICK was determined that he should retain control over the subject matter of the TV series and method of presentation. WINSTON attempted to take over complete control of the project and claimed the original idea of the TV series was his. It was at this time that PHILBRICK began to suspect the motives of WINSTON. At this same time he began hearing from friends that [REDACTED]

He faced [REDACTED] with these accusations and stated he [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and he so stated publicly.

PHILBRICK advised he became more apprehensive of the motives of WINSTON [REDACTED] following the completion of a pilot film for the TV series. This film dealt with [REDACTED] When the film was shown to the stockholders, there were several remarks from the floor concerning [REDACTED] background. One remark was that [REDACTED] and the film should have emphasized that [REDACTED] Another remark passed was that the [REDACTED] mentioned in the film, was [REDACTED] and this should have been emphasized.

PHILBRICK stated that under the terms of new contracts signed recently he has retained exclusive control over the treatment of the subject matter including dialogue. This came about only because [redacted] on the Board of Directors. However, he is still apprehensive about the motives of WINSTON [redacted] and fears he may be becoming involved with notorious "hate-peddlers" and anti-Semites. He advised that [redacted] a loyal, discreet person, [redacted] offices of CANSA CORPORATION, and has reported to PHILBRICK [redacted]

[redacted] reported WINSTON [redacted] WELCH, from [redacted] Also, [redacted] is disturbed over some correspondence [redacted] but PHILBRICK did not have details of same. He further reported that WELCH [redacted] busily engaged in the organization of "JOHN BIRCH CLUBS" throughout the country with great attendant secrecy. PHILBRICK has attempted to determine the purpose of these "JOHN BIRCH CLUBS," but his questions have been met with silence by [redacted] WELCH. He advised that the next meeting of the JOHN BIRCH CLUB in New York City is to take place at the apartment of one [redacted]

PHILBRICK advised he was furnishing the above for information. He said [redacted] is in possession of information concerning the activities of WINSTON [redacted] WELCH. [redacted] as being discreet and available for interview. However, in view of the fact that PHILBRICK has advised he will keep the Boston Division informed regarding the above, no interview of [redacted] is contemplated.

In addition to the Quest List mentioned above, there are enclosed for the Bureau photostatic copies of:

- (1) Personal Resume furnished by WINSTON [redacted]
- (2) Letter [redacted] PHILBRICK explaining his stand on the Israel situation
- (3) Outline and purpose of the new TV Series

The New York Office is requested to search its indices on all persons mentioned herein, other than PHILBRICK, and ROBERT M. WELCH, and advise the Bureau of the results of this check.

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With reference to ROBERT H. WELCH, this individual appears identical with "ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR., INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)," Boston File 100-32899, Bufile 62-104401, concerning whom the Bureau has been previously advised. WELCH is also the subject of SAC Letter No. 59-13, Section F, dated March 10, 1959.

With reference to [REDACTED] Bureau and New York's attention are directed to Bufile 140-9861, entitled [REDACTED]

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With reference to [REDACTED] Bureau's attention is called to SAC Letter No. 59-7, dated February 3, 1959, Section D, entitled [REDACTED] in which the Bureau advised that [REDACTED]

Based upon information provided by PHILBRICK, it has been impossible to locate identifiable information in Boston indices relating to other individuals mentioned.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, BOSTON (62-3810)

CASCA CORPORATION
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Re Boston letter dated 5/12/59.

HERBERT A. PHILBRICK, Rye Beach, New Hampshire, reported to
SA [redacted] on 6/3/59 that a [redacted] in the
Casca Corp. is one [redacted]

[redacted] She
married [redacted] who purports to be [redacted]
PHILBRICK stated he received the above information
from [redacted] who
possesses a great deal of background information on [redacted]
[redacted] stated that [redacted] had
been greatly concerned over his activities.

PHILBRICK also reported that [redacted]
[redacted] for the Casca Corp.
following repeated attacks by ROBERT WINSTON on [redacted]
ability. He was replaced as [redacted]
who is [redacted] however,
remains on the Board of Directors. PHILBRICK stated he knew
nothing of [redacted] political inclinations.

PHILBRICK stated he received unintentional information from
[redacted] on 5/15/59 that [redacted] was to be
in New York during [redacted] 1959 and was going to be entertained
by [redacted] did not say who was sponsoring
[redacted] trip to New York.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is a report prepared by PHILBRICK regarding his attendance at a JOHN BIRCH CLUB meeting held on [REDACTED] at the home of [REDACTED]

Also included is a copy of an application for membership in the JOHN BIRCH CLUB and petitions urging the President of the U. S. not to attend any "Summit Meetings." Enclosed also for the Bureau is a booklet entitled, "The Life of John Birch," by ROBERT H. W. WILCH, JR.

Any additional information concerning the above corporation received from PHILBRICK will be promptly forwarded to the Bureau and New York Divisions.

DIRECTOR, FBI

6/11/59

SAC, NEW YORK (62-12187)

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ReBSlet to Bureau, dated 5/12/59.

Relet requested the NYO to search its indices on all persons mentioned in relet with the exception of HERBERT PHILBRICK and ROBERT H. WELCH and advise the Bureau of the results of this check.

The indices of the NYO failed to reflect any references identifiable with [REDACTED]

b7c [It is pointed out that a [REDACTED] was the subject of an [REDACTED] Special Inquiry, investigation in 1942. This investigation did not uncover any subversive information but certain individuals interviewed criticized [REDACTED] for his financial manipulations.

It is not known whether the [REDACTED] mentioned in relet is identical with the [REDACTED] on whom an investigation was conducted in 1942.

Concerning ROBERT A. WINSTON, the Bureau's attention is called to NYlets to the Director, dated 4/25/58, and 9/10/58, entitled ROBERT A. WINSTON, wa, Colonel Victor J. Fox, INFORMATION CONCERNING, NY 62-0-42478.

Relet, dated 9/10/58, set forth an interview

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conducted with WINSTON on 9/8/58.

During this interview Mr. WINSTON stated that under the pen name Colonel VICTOR J. FOX he had written a book entitled "The Pentagon Case", a book dealing with Communist influence of the military by means of anti-military, anti-morale books, magazines and movies.

During the interview of WINSTON, WINSTON advised that in May, 1955, when he was Special Assistant for Morale and Welfare to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Personnel and Reserve Forces, he turned over to the Bureau a report, previously rejected by his superiors in the Navy, dealing with alleged Communist infiltration in the Office of Public Information in the Departments of Defense, Navy and Air Force. He said that the Bureau turned this report over to the Office of Naval Intelligence.

WINSTON advised that in May, 1955, he testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security concerning his allegations of Communist influence on the military through use of anti-military, anti-morale books, magazines and movies, and that during the course of his testimony, he mentioned that JOSEPH BRYAN III, his superior in the Central Intelligence Agency, had made a derogatory statement about the Director. He stated that he was contacted by two Bureau Agents after he had testified and that the Agents asked him to furnish a statement concerning the derogatory statement made by BRYAN. He said that he did not furnish the statement since the information was available in his testimony before the Senate Subcommittee.

It is noted that an investigation was conducted under the title [REDACTED] b7c

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was, IS-C, SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT (Bureau file 100-48619, New York file 100-16269) in the early 1940's. No derogatory information was developed concerning WINSTON [REDACTED] b7C

Concerning [REDACTED] he is possibly identical with [REDACTED] who is the subject of a closed investigation in the NYO, New York file 100-21056, SM-G.

It is pointed out that the Bureau and the NYO are in possession of a great deal of information concerning [REDACTED]

In the latter regard it is pointed out that in [REDACTED] b7C

On 1/3/44, a special Grand Jury in the District of Columbia returned an indictment against 30 individuals charging them with violation of Section 11 Title 18, United States Code (Peace Time Sedition Statute).

Among persons who were considered for indictment but were not indicted was [REDACTED] b7C

The following statements are set forth as indications of the controversial nature of [REDACTED] political opinions. b7C

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[REDACTED] and as such publishes
which reflects his political
ideology.

[REDACTED] is located in
[REDACTED] and has been in exist-
ence since [REDACTED] under the names of [REDACTED]
and
its present name, [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] is a former member of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Concerning [REDACTED] it is noted that
he has been the subject of communications between the
NYO and the Bureau, Bureau file 62-102847, New York
file 62-11924.

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[REDACTED]
On 10/29/57 [REDACTED] furnished material to
[REDACTED] He alleged, among

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other things, to [redacted] that the United States Government [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by SAS [redacted]

and [redacted] on 11/26/57. He said that [redacted]

He would not furnish any specific information at this time (11/26/57).

He expressed a great admiration for the Director and the work of the FBI and said that he was a friend of [redacted]

[redacted] was reinterviewed at his request on 12/17/57. He said that he wanted to furnish documentary "proof" of his original allegations.

This "proof" consisted generally of material of an anti-Semitic nature, most of it very old. [redacted] appeared to the interviewing agents to be [redacted]

On 1/20/58, Mr. [redacted], appeared at the FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., and furnished information concerning [redacted]. He said that when he took the position as [redacted] agreed that he would have [redacted] but that [redacted]

was always pressuring him to include anti-Semitic material. [redacted] He said that he would not dare absent himself from NY [redacted] would get this [redacted] He described [redacted] as a refugee from th

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"crackpot fringe", who often entertains people of that nature when they come to NY.

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In addition to the above, [REDACTED] was interviewed on 3/9/59, by SA [REDACTED]. During the interview, [REDACTED] said that approximately a year ago he had been approached by [REDACTED] who proposed that [REDACTED] allow [REDACTED] to advertise in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he tried to sound out [REDACTED] as to the type of copy he would use in the advertisements. At this point, [REDACTED] handed a pamphlet to [REDACTED] which was anti-Semitic in theme, apparently assuming that this would appeal to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he immediately cut [REDACTED] off, and relations between them have been unfriendly since then. [REDACTED] said that he has since learned from various sources that [REDACTED] who would like to "bask in the glory" of the patriotic reputation [REDACTED].

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and no further action is contemplated in this matter, and this case is being closed.

6/17/59

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REGISTERED AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (62-3810)

CASCA CORPORATION
21 North Broadway
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Re Boston letter to Bureau dated 6/10/59.

[redacted] captioned organization, was interviewed on 6/11/59 by SA [redacted] who was visiting HERBERT A. PHILBRICK at Rye Beach, N. H. [redacted] advised that ROBERT WINSTON resigned as president of Casca on 6/4/59 as the result of pressure brought to bear by PHILBRICK and [redacted]. Upon his resignation WINSTON sent an extremely insulting letter [redacted] accusing him and PHILBRICK of using Communist tactics in getting rid of him. [redacted] the corporation.

b7c [redacted] is still receiving checks for the purchase of stock in Casca from mysterious individuals under strange circumstances. [redacted] received a check from one ROBERT SNOWDEN of Memphis, Tennessee, in the amount of \$2000. for the purchase of 20 shares. In an accompanying letter SNOWDEN advised that the check had been "approved" by the "Committee for 48 States" and he was very insistent that he and the Committee remain anonymous. [redacted] when WINSTON saw the check and the letter he quickly put them in his pocket. [redacted] also reported [redacted] recently received a check for the purchase of stock from [redacted] who is allegedly a notorious anti-Semite. [redacted] is a close friend of WINSTON [redacted] furnished a list of stockholders in the Casca Corp., which is enclosed.

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With regard to WINSTON, [REDACTED] shortly before his resignation WINSTON announced that he was working on a new invention which would earn him a great deal of money. He stated that this invention was an explosive device which would be used from aircraft. In this connection WINSTON received at the Casca offices a shipment of 112 lbs. of magnesium sulfate from the Dow Chemical Co. WINSTON cautioned [REDACTED] against handling this material. [REDACTED] WINSTON has been working on this invention in close association with a man named (FNU) [REDACTED]. He has also been in frequent contact with one [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] advised that WINSTON is extremely anti-Communist and anti-Semitic to a point of emotional instability. He frequently makes the unrelated statement that he has never been in a mental institution nor has he ever had any psychiatric treatment. Yet he lives in constant fear of assassination by the Communists. He despises and fears the Anti-Defamation League, saying they have spies everywhere.

WINSTON has always spoken highly of Director HOOVER and the FBI. He claims he is in contact with the White Plains Office of the FBI. He has sent out circular letters stating that the FBI is solidly behind the new TV series that Casca is producing. These letters were sent out without the knowledge of PHILBRICK. WINSTON thought well of the Director's book but stated it lost a great deal of its effectiveness when the Director quoted from Anti-Defamation League reports.

With regard to WINSTON's fanatic anti-Communism, he recently drafted a petition to the Congress of the U. S. calling for the impeachment of President EISENHOWER. WINSTON sent copies of this petition to several organizations seeking endorsement but with no success. Some of the organizations that received copies of the petition were the Committee of 100 and the Committee for Constitutional Action. PHILBRICK interjected that WINSTON asked him to circulate the petition among his FBI contacts which PHILBRICK refused to do. A copy of the petition is enclosed.

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b7c [[REDACTED] further reported that WINSTON is still in close contact with ROBERT WRLOH regarding the organization of John Birch Clubs. [REDACTED] WINSTON's notes and observations on the John Birch meeting at the apartment of [REDACTED] previously reported by PHILBRICK. WINSTON cautioned [REDACTED] that the information contained in his notes was highly confidential and that no file copies were to be made. A copy of these notes and observations is attached.

PHILBRICK and [REDACTED] both stated they are concerned over the type of people that are interested in the activities of the Casca Corp. and are buying stock in the corporation. PHILBRICK stated that several interested individuals have military backgrounds and militaristic attitudes. He noted that WINSTON has a military background [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WINSTON are great admirers of everything German and of the Nazi movement.

PHILBRICK stated he intends to maintain close contact with ROBERT WRLOH regarding the John Birch movement and will keep the Bureau advised.

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SAC, New York

August 28, 1959

Director, FBI

CASCA CORPORATION
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Boston letter 8/21/59.

The Bureau is well aware that the Communist Party (CP) invariably attacks anyone who opposes its programs and activities, the usual method being through attempted character assassination.

The information furnished by Herbert Philbrick, as set out in referenced letter, indicates the possibility of action by the CP going beyond harassment or attempted character assassination. The Bureau would, of course, be extremely interested in any information indicating that the CP is formulating plans to inflict physical violence on persons who actively oppose its programs and activities. You should, therefore, promptly furnish the Bureau any such information coming to your attention.

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